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SUBJECT: ECUADOREAN PRESS HIGHLIGHTS UPI REPORT THAT TRADE ACT
WILL BE AMENDED JULY 20 TO EXTEND GSP TO ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA

REFS: (A) QUITO A-72; (B) QUITO 4747

1. AS REPORTED IN REF B, ON JULY 2 THE TWO LEADING ECUADOREAN DAILIES, "EL UNIVERSO" OF GUAYAQUIL AND "EL COMERCIO" OF QUITO, PUBLISHED PROMINENTLY ON THEIR FRONT PAGES A UPI STORY DATED WASHINGTON, JULY 1, ASSERTING THAT THE SENATE IS EXPECTED TO PASS ON JULY 20 A BILL, H.R. 9401, WHICH PRIMARILY CONCERNS THE SUSPENSION OF IMPORT TARIFFS ON HORSES, AND THAT THE SENATE VERSION OF THIS BILL WILL INCLUDE AN AMENDMENT INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BENTSEN OF TEXAS CALLING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE TRADE ACT WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE FROM THE GSP ONLY THOSE OPEC COUNTRIES THAT HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE 1973 OIL EMBARGO.

2. SEVERAL GOE OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY QUERIED EMBOFFS REGARDING VERACITY OF THIS STORY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SOONEST THE FACTS ON THE CITED LEGISLATION AND AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PROBABILITY THAT IT WILL BE ENACTED ON
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JULY 20 OR SOME OTHER PROXIMATE DATE WITH THE REPORTED

AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD EXTEND GSP TO ECUADOR, VENEZUELA
AND THE OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES THAT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN
THE 1973 OIL EMBARGO.
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